

## TERRELL E. ARNOLD TO SPEAK ON TERRORISM AT OCTOBER MEETING

Mr. Terrell E. Arnold, an internationally recognized specialist on one of the toughest and most disturbing problems of our modern era — terrorism — is slated to address the October meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. Mr. Arnold is co-author of *Fighting Back: Winning the War Against Terrorism* published in late 1985. He is a consultant on terrorism and crisis management to the Department of State; he is associated with several private firms and non-profit organizations which are studying this 20th Century phenomenon and its impact on contemporary life. Arnold is a sought-after commentator who appears frequently on Good Morning America and other television news and current events shows both here and abroad.

Terrell E. Arnold has had wide experience in foreign affairs and diplomacy, having served in the Middle East, Latin America, and East Asia as an officer in the United States Foreign Service. Immediately prior to retirement from the Senior Foreign Service, Arnold was the principal Deputy Director of the State Department Office of Counterterrorism and Emergency Planning. He served abroad as the U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission in Colombo, Sri Lanka and as Consul General in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and as an economist and political analyst in Cairo and Calcutta. A graduate of the National War College, Arnold later served as Senior Foreign Affairs Advisor to the Commandant of the National War College and Chairman of the De-

partment of International Studies. Born in Bluefield, West Virginia, Arnold was in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He is a graduate of Stanford University and earned a masters degree at San Jose State College in California.

The October meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association will begin at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 27 in Pillsbury Hall of St. Paul's Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. Members of the FBA and others who attend will have an opportunity prior to Terrell Arnold's close look at Terrorism to meet briefly and put questions to the "first timers" among the candidates for ANC2A, the Neighborhood Advisory Commission covering Foggy Bottom and the West End.



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## BUS BAN UPHeld AGAINST RIVER INN

by Robert C. Brewster

On September 22, John E. Touchstone, Director, Department of Public Works, issued an order upholding the bus ban against the River Inn, located at 924 25th Street, N.W. The order, which took effect on October 3 upon publication in the *District of Columbia Register*, continues to prohibit bus traffic on 25th Street, N.W. from Virginia Avenue to K Street, 26th Street from I Street to K Street, and I Street, N.W. from New Hampshire Avenue to 26th Street at all times.

The Director's order cited a number of conclusions of law, among the most important of which are:

— "The tour buses which delivered guests directly to the River Inn constituted a public nuisance in that, among other things, they impeded the orderly flow of traffic, they discharged and picked up passengers from the middle of the street, they parked and traveled against the one way traffic restrictions on 25th Street, they parked illegally blocking alleys and private driveways, they idled their engines in excess of the time permitted by District regulations and thus subjected residents to increased noise and diesel engine emissions."

— "Prohibiting tour buses from entering the affected streets is a reasonable means of eli-

minating the problems they cause by: a) limiting the number of interruptions to the flow of traffic caused by the buses; b) reducing the hazards to the safety of motorists and pedestrians; c) reducing the incidence of violations of District of Columbia traffic regulations; and d) reducing the intrusion on the environment of the affected streets caused by the diesel engine noise and emissions."

— "The bus stands located at K Street and Virginia Avenues are located within a reasonable and safe walking distance of the streets designated . . . to exclude traffic by bus."

— "The River Inn's proposed alternative plan to create a bus zone in front of 925 25th Street, is rejected as unworkable and as against the established traffic policies of the District of Columbia."

Addressing the River Inn's argument that denial of access to its premises, a leasehold, amounted to taking of a property right in violation of the Constitution, the order stated the contention "was baseless." The order noted that "no evidence on the record supports the conclusion that the River Inn has suffered a substan-

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### FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

### OCTOBER MEETING

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2430 K Street, N.W.**

### Historic District Designation Approved

Just as we went to press, word was received that approval was given for historic designation for a 5-block area in Foggy Bottom. More details at the FBA meeting and in next month's FB News.



## Julia F. Bond, Former FBA Board Member, Dies

Julia F. Bond, a former FBA Board Member and a resident of Foggy Bottom, died September 10 of cancer at the Washington Hospital Center. A memorial service was held on September 16.

Mrs. Bond was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she accompanied her husband, retired Foreign Service officer Niles W. Bond, on his assignments to Japan, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, and Brazil before moving to the Washington area in 1968. She was active in local Democratic Party politics and was a volunteer at the Kennedy Center in addition to being a member and former Board Member of the FBA.

Mrs. Bond's survivors in addition to her husband include two daughters, Nancy Mooney of Atlanta and Ellen Sheehan of Alexandria; two sisters, Mary Bacon of Silver Spring and Jane Berry of Bellingham, Washington; one brother, Edwin Folsom of Massachusetts; and two grandchildren.

## At the September 29 FBA Meeting

The first Foggy Bottom Association Meeting of the 1986-87 year was held at 8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church on September 29. FBA President Robert C. Brewster presided. Some 52 people attended.

Brewster reported the Executive Board had met on July 14, August 11, and September 8. Among the subjects discussed were possible proxy and absentee voting procedures, FBA/ANC relationships, the East End Committee, lack of action by the Historical Preservation Review Board on the application for a Foggy Bottom Historic District, the proposed pedestrian bridge from Kennedy Center to Columbia Plaza, Councilmember Ray's bill to revise the liquor laws, the George Washington University Campus Master Plan, and the status of the bus ban. Decisions taken by the Executive Board were to: make a donation to St. Paul's Church; buy a file cabinet in which to assemble the dispersed FBA records; co-

sponsor an application for historic landmark designation for the Circle Theatre and expend up to \$300 for that purpose; approve a FBA position on the GWU Campus Master Plan; and authorize the President to testify at the Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing on the Plan.

Grace E. Watson, Membership Director, reported membership renewal notices had been mailed to all 1985-86 members using pre-printed labels generated by the new computerized membership list. She said that she and her Membership Committee planned to follow this up with a drive to enroll new members. The drive will be targeted especially at residents of the numerous apartment houses and condominiums in Foggy Bottom/West End.

G. Patrick Kane, Chief Executive Officer, Columbia Hospital for Women, described the new affiliation which the Hospital was planning to enter.

Patricia Boatner, Kennedy Center, announced a new series of concerts called "Prelude" to be held this autumn from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. featuring chamber music players of the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets will cost \$3.00.

Jon Nowick, Chairperson of the ANC Committee which studied the Ray bill which would revise the city's liquor control law, (see *News* for April and September, 1986) reported briefly on the position his group had taken and the ANC's endorsement of it. The meeting voted unanimously to adopt the position drawn up by the Nowick group (which had included FBA Board Members Robert H. Charles and Dorothy L. Ohliger) and authorized Charles, Ohliger, or any other person designated by the FBA President to testify on the FBA's behalf at the City Council's September 30 hearing on the bill.

Vice President Holsey G. Handyside reported on developments in the continuing attempt to get improvement in Foggy Bottom city lighting and made available an information sheet on who to contact to get broken or burned out street lights repalced.

Officer Joe W. Miller, Second Precinct, reported on recent crime statistics for the Foggy Bottom/West End area.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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## St. Stephen Celebrates 25th Anniversary

### Bus Ban...

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tial devaluation of the market value of its leasehold interest. . . . On the contrary, ample evidence on the record establishes that the River Inn had operated at a profit during every year relevant to the inquiry . . . . It cannot be said with any certainty that the River Inn sustained a substantial injury to its property interest or that it will sustain future substantial harm. . . ."

Barring a court challenge, the Director's order brings to an end a struggle which the community, led by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and the Foggy Bottom Association, has waged since 1979. Yes, 1979! The first effort was to persuade the District Government to do something about the problem. It did so on May 15, 1981 by issuing the original order banning buses. The second effort was to sustain that order through court proceedings and an administrative hearing. That, too, has now been done. The remaining effort must be to ensure the order is actively enforced. Buses will mysteriously and unaccountably appear at the River Inn. When they do, call the police.

The parish of St. Stephen Martyr is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the dedication of its present church at 25th and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W. This silver jubilee marks another milestone for the historic parish, which had its beginning with the laying of the cornerstone of the old church on June 3, 1866 at the same site.

A tridium of masses will be celebrated at St. Stephen's on November 7, 8, and 9 commemorating the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new church on November 8, 1959. In preparation for this celebration, a weekend of spiritual renewal will be held on November 1 and 2, followed by an evening of recollection on November 5.

Archbishop James A. Hickey will celebrate mass at 6:15 p.m. Friday, November 7, and the pastors of neighboring churches have been invited to be guests of the parish. Former pastors and associates of St. Stephen's will join in celebrating the 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday, November 8, and at the 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, November 9, the Rev. Thomas J. Sheehan, Pastor of St. Stephen's, will be the celebrant. A reception for the celebrants, parishioners, and guests will be

held in the Parish Hall following each of the three masses.

St. Stephen's parish has a long tradition in Foggy Bottom, a history of which is recorded in "St. Stephen Martyr Church and the Community 1867-1967" by Harold D. Langley. In his book, written in connection with the Centennial Celebration of St. Stephen Martyr Church in 1967, Mr. Langley traces the establishment and development of the parish, telling at the same time much of the history of the growing city of Washington. He describes the beginning of the parish with construction of the old church on land which was originally part of a plantation known as "Mexico," an irregular tract of land made up of original patent lands from the colonial era and older tracts. He tells of the growth of the parish, its school, its parish and community activities, its neighborhood as it changed

dramatically over the years with the growth of the city, and finally, after 93 years, the need for a new church building, which is today's St. Stephen's.

The early years of the new church were also the years of the presidency of John F. Kennedy, the first Roman Catholic president of the United States. During that time, the President and Mrs. Kennedy often attended services at St. Stephen's. To commemorate this association with the parish, the Catholic War Veterans of the District of Columbia shortly after his death placed a memorial plaque on the pew the President occupied when he attended mass.

The priests and people of St. Stephen's participate in a wide range of activities including a dedicated hospital ministry to patients at George Washington University and Columbia Hospitals, neighborhood dinners at

Thanksgiving and Christmas, and many other social activities throughout the year demonstrate the desire and willingness of the St. Stephen's parish to help and serve others. To all its friends and neighbors, St. Stephen's extends a cordial welcome at all times and a special invitation to share in the joy of its celebration.

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## Candidates for Foggy Bottom/West End ANC

Elections will be held in November to elect Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. This ANC is one of the most active in the city, and its work is of great importance to our area. **DON'T FAIL TO VOTE!**

The candidates were asked to submit information about themselves in the following format:

1. Your name, address, and how long you have lived in the Foggy Bottom/West End area.
2. Why do you want to be a Commissioner and what do you hope to accomplish? If you are already a Commissioner, what have been your accomplishments or interests on the ANC?
3. What local civic activities are you engaged in or have you been engaged in over the past five years? If presently a Commissioner, please address your involvement in other community activities.

### For ANC 2A-01:

**Ralph A. Rosenbaum**  
2201 L Street, N.W.

I have been a resident at this address for seven years.

For the last four years I have been an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. My main concern as a commissioner has been to preserve the residential character of the neighborhood. In order to achieve this and other goals I have spent many hours advocating the opinions of the neighborhood before the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Zoning Commission.

To be effective as an ANC commissioner you must devote much of your time to ANC duties. I do not think that you can do justice to other community activities and still function as a commissioner.

### For ANC 2A-02: Charles L. Clapp

2555 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

I have lived in the Foggy Bottom/West End area for almost eight years and in Washington for thirty years.

As a regular attendee at Foggy Bottom Association and ANC meetings as well as in working with groups in my immediate neighborhood, I have very much in mind the special needs and concerns of the area. With the retirement of Commissioner Lou Rigdon who has represented this district for several years and who supports me as his replacement, the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the area presented itself. My interest in preserving the residential aspects of our section of the city led me to file for ANC.

We are in many ways a threatened neighborhood infiltrated increasingly by those who have little concern for our residential character and who care not at all for historic preservation. We must be vigilant in our efforts to maintain green space — attractive well-kept green space — and this involves working closely with city officials and keeping the pressure on.

As a former congressional aide (6 years), White House aide (4½ years), Interstate Commerce Commissioner (8 years), Federal agency Chief Administrative Officer (3 years), polit-

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ical scientist, and author I believe that the experience and associations developed during my years in Washington will help me to contribute meaningfully to these important goals.

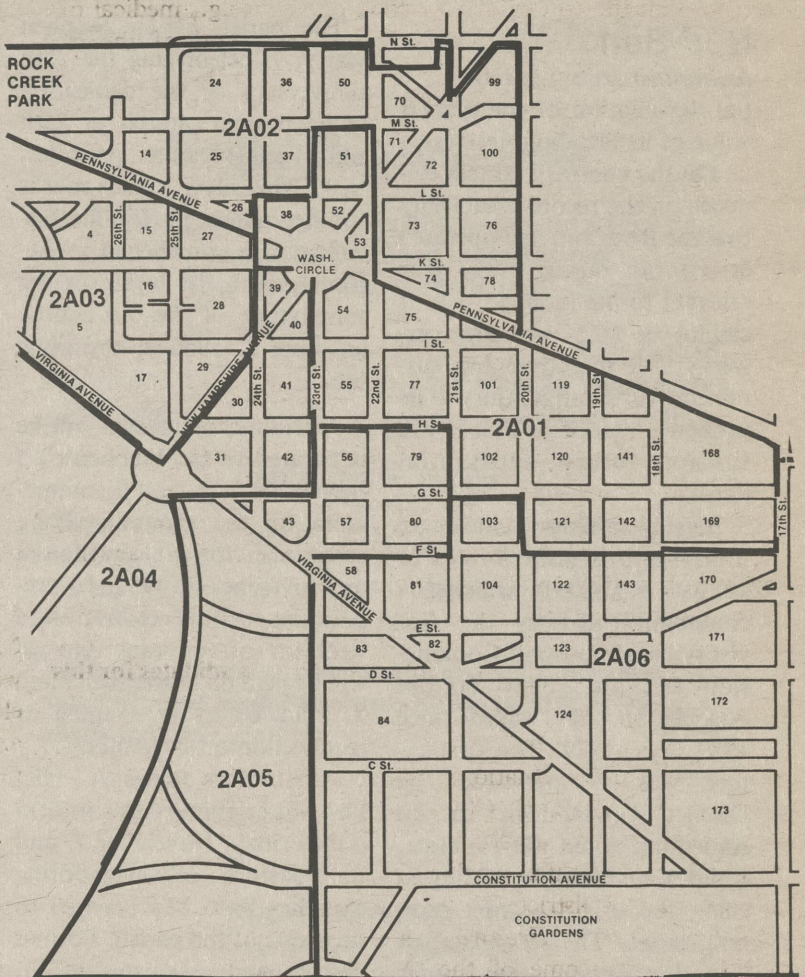
I was one of three Foggy Bottom/West End residents appointed to Mayor Barry's Lower K Street Ramp Task Force and when a separate task force for our area was established by the Mayor I was appointed to that group (East End of K Street Task Force) and have attended every meeting. I have served on the Board of my condominium for the past three years, the last two and a half as President, which involves me in various projects (parking and trash among them). With other area residents I have met with Councilman Wilson and Mayor Barry and his associates to express local concerns. As a former President and longtime member of the Executive Council of the National Capital Area Political Science Association I have also been involved in a number of community activities.

### For ANC 2A-03: Maria Tyler

949 25th Street, N.W.

Property owner and resident of Foggy Bottom since 1962. Elected ANC Commissioner since 1980.

I continue to believe that the most important factors affecting the quality of our neigh-



borhood are traffic and zoning which, depending on how they are administered, can either enhance or gradually destroy the residential character of our neighborhood. Foggy Bottom has been plagued by unacceptable traffic conditions and poor zoning regulations. To protect our neighborhood, the work required of a commis-

sioner is enormous. My record shows that I am willing to work unstintingly to improve our living conditions and I have also encouraged and have greatly benefited from participation by residents in ANC work. I have worked closely with the Foggy Bottom Association and its President and Board of Directors to coordinate the efforts

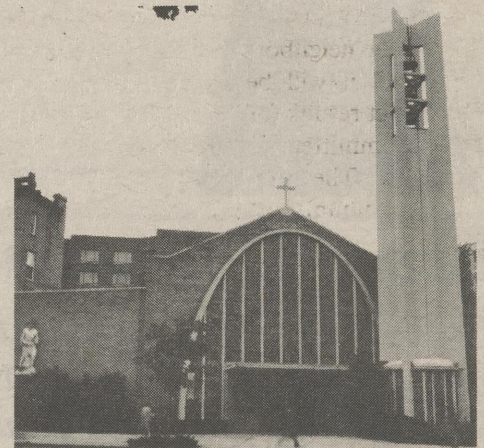
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Christ instructs us to love our neighbors. On this 25th anniversary of the opening of our new church, the parishioners of St. Stephen reach out to our neighbors in Foggy Bottom — to the workers in the office buildings, to the sick in the hospitals and nursing homes, to the students at George Washington University, to retired persons in apartment buildings. We send warm and special greetings to our brothers and



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of ANC 2A and the FBA, and have continued to build a sound relationship with our Councilmember John Wilson. Finally, I have been instrumental in making our City Administration understand our problems and have succeeded at times in guiding it to take measures and approaches to solve them.

The following are the principal cases I have dealt with as a Commissioner:

a. *Bus Ban.* In 1985/86 I steered the process for the final prohibition of buses on specified streets in Foggy Bottom in response to an April 1980 petition by residents, ANC resolutions, voluminous other evidence and a seven-month public hearing in 1982. This case is an example of what we can do by persevering and by being united. The case is a national precedent, and the D.C. Government has already used it to protect other residential neighborhoods in the District.

b. *Whitehurst Freeway (WHF).* The outcome of the WHF study which began in 1982 and resulted in an enormous involvement by FB residents ignored the FB residential section of the Freeway but proposed spending large amounts of money for the west end of the Freeway to benefit commuters, thus worsening the presently unacceptable traffic conditions in FB. I have fought to redress this inattention to our neighborhood's interests and have been instrumental in having Mayor Barry meet with our representatives and appoint an East End Committee to design ways to reduce the impact of the WHF on our neighborhood. If re-elected, it will be my major task to get results for FB through the Committee.

c. *Other Issues.* The prevention, to the maximum pos-

sible extent, of non-residential development (e.g., medical offices, hotels) and of the encroachment by GWU on our residential neighborhood have remained important subjects. However, I strongly feel that without revamping and tightening defective zoning regulations our task in this regard is extremely difficult.

I have also devised a system which started participation in the neighborhood watch program. The appropriate signs are now installed in many of the streets in my district, signaling that we are organized to protect ourselves against crimes.

#### For ANC 2A-04:

**There are no candidates for this position.**

#### For ANC 2A-05:

**James Roger Black**

611-22nd St., N.W.

**James Roger Black** has been a resident of Foggy Bottom/West end and an active community member for more than 28 years.

J.R. Black's goal for his term as ANC Commissioner will be improvement of the quality of life for the people who live here and bear the burden of intolerable traffic congestion and pollution. The city's plans for the K Street corridor (as well as Virginia Avenue & 23rd Street NW) are incompatible with the residential character of the streets of this neighborhood. J.R. Black will work to focus the energies of the ANC and this community to correct this truly major problem before we become a series of condo canyons.

J.R. Black will be a voice for retaining and restoring neighborhood values. Neighbors he has known for many years still

want improved city services, cleaner and safe streets, action to correct students' noise and trash, "historic district" status for what remains of old Foggy Bottom, and good relations with G.W.U. Black believes the Zoning Code's "R-5" designations for most of the local area (which attract undesirable developers who know they can go up five stories as a matter of right) are posing the gravest threat to this neighborhood.

The new ANC will quite likely take office saddled with debt brought on by the previous ANC's misguided expenditure of several thousands of taxpayers' dollars in ways deemed inappropriate by the District of Columbia Auditor. J.R. Black will work to keep the newly elected ANC fiscally prudent and more concerned with community contacts than funding costly consultants and lawyers.

For ours is a community blessed with superb location and distinguished residents. Our considerable untapped resources and influence await an ANC that will reach out — not with dreary cliquish meetings attended by all too few — but with enlightening and entertaining forums, meetings and yes! community rallies and celebrations.

More than a decade before the ANC Black was concerned with the effects of downtown expansion and intrusive developers and commercial interests. In the early 1960's he was often the only person speaking for this neighborhood at the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board when developers were slamming and twisting fine old row houses down into parking lots and pseudo restaurateurs were attempting to turn Pennsylvania Avenue into a tenderloin of sa-loons and discos.

When the West End Citizens elected him President he demonstrated a knowledge of the political process that hasn't been matched since. He served as the first elected ANC 2A05 and knows how to get things done in this town. His first priority will go to preservation and enhancement of residential life in Foggy Bottom.

#### For ANC 2A-05:

**Richard Striner**

500 23rd St., N.W. in the Baron Building of Columbia Plaza.

I grew up in Washington and have lived in many of its neighborhoods over the past thirty years. I have resided in Columbia Plaza since 1985.

I am seeking election to the ANC to uphold the values that make Foggy Bottom a decent place to live and to combat the forces that threaten its residential values. I will continue to serve the cause of historic preservation in Foggy Bottom. I am currently Special Assistant to the ANC for preservation issues. I believe this city needs stricter controls on commercial development, and especially speculative development in neighborhoods. I believe that city officials must be made far more accountable for their actions vis-a-vis development than is now the case.

Candidates for most of the other seats on the ANC own their own homes or condominiums. As a renter, I will assure a concerned voice on the ANC for all renters in Foggy Bottom; I will strive to maintain the strong gains in tenant rights we have secured in the past decade. As a resident of Columbia Plaza, I am well aware of the many security problems we face. If elected, I will focus attention on the all-too-easily entered apartments buildings and the broken call boxes in Columbia Plaza, which lend credence to the claims of strangers that they should be let in. If elected to the ANC, I will make a point of consulting with the Columbia Plaza Tenants' Association on all public issues affecting that complex. I will also provide leadership in addressing civic concerns about George Washington University. As an academician (Ph.D.,

intellectual history; Chief Historian, U.S. Capital Historical Society), I am certainly mindful of legitimate university needs. But I believe there must be fair and *dependable* limits to the physical growth of any university when that growth is in conflict with the residential character of a neighborhood. G.W.U. must not be allowed to buy or lease any other residential buildings, including Columbia Plaza. G.W.U. must go farther to address community concerns about other issues like noise from student housing. I am confident that G.W.U. and the Foggy Bottom/West End community can exist in harmony. But if counterforce is required to make a good neighbor of G.W.U., then I am prepared to take the necessary steps to exert it. I will also work to stop the D.C. Government boondoggle of an \$850,000 pedestrian bridge between Columbia Plaza and the Kennedy Center. The ANC and FBA have determined that the bridge is unnecessary, a potential safety hazard, and a perfect site for graffiti and irritating posters. The money would be better spent on solutions to remove the concrete pedestrian barriers in the middle of Virginia Avenue, which constitute an eyesore.

For the past five years, I have been a leader in historic preservation throughout the region. I am founder and President of the Art Deco Society in Washington, co-author of a major book on Art Deco architecture, active in the landmark applications for the Governor Shepherd and the Circle Theatre, leader of the so-far-successful fight to save the Silver Theatre and Silver Spring Shopping Center, leader of the successful effort to save Greenbelt Center School, leader of the effort to uncover and save the

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Greyhound Bus Terminal. I have absolutely no financial relationship with any developers or major landowners in Foggy Bottom. As an independent, active citizen familiar with the political process and with a demonstrable record of civic achievement, I would help assure an active voice for our neighborhood in city affairs.

### For ANC 2A-06: Sue Schumacher

2030 F Street, N.W.

I have lived in the Foggy Bottom/West End area for the past 11 years.

My work on the ANC involves everything from giving testimony on George Washington University's plan to expand, to ensuring our neighborhood streets are kept clean and safe. I want to continue as ANC Commissioner to retain the residential character of our neighborhood and serve as liaison between my constituents and the D.C. Government with

regard to providing taxpayer services. Because the ANC is the first line of defense — an absolute frontline of grassroots city government for the residents of the Foggy Bottom/West End area — my primary motivation is to serve in a professional and ethical manner. Our first issue this term is to fight to contain George Washington University within its campus boundaries. While believing that change is sometimes inevitable and necessary, its effects must be carefully considered. We need to safeguard our interests, but at the same time make well-reasoned judgments about our future.

Member, Foggy Bottom Association and West End Civic Association; Founding Member, Ward 2 Democrats; Citizen's Advisory Crime Council for District 2.

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The Save the Circle Coalition, a group of individuals and organizations joined together to preserve the Circle Theatre, has offered to sit down with James and Theodore Pedas, owners of the theatre, to discuss the Circle Theatre and the building which they propose to build to replace it. The offer was contained in a letter dated October 11 sent by Jay Dunn, Chairperson of the Coalition.

The main part of the October 11 letter follows:

"As you know, the Foggy Bottom Association and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A on September 10 filed an application with the Historic Preservation Review Board seeking designation of the Circle Theatre as a historic landmark. A Save the Circle

Coalition has now been formed which shares my concerns and which is increasingly drawing public, institutional, and media support. We believe the Circle Theatre should be preserved essentially intact as the oldest continuously-operating movie theatre in the city and — thanks to your foresight and imagination — the first repertory cinema in the nation's capital. At the same time, we also believe that the existing theatre could be physically integrated with the new building you propose to construct.

"In short, there may well be a basis for reconciling our differences. We propose we sit down together to explore the possibility. It should not be completely impossible to find a mutually-acceptable solution which not only achieves your aim of a new building but also fulfills our desire to preserve the Washington institution which is so closely associated with your family's name and fortunes."

Meanwhile, the drive to save the Circle Theatre has gathered

increasing notice and support. TV Channel 7 carried shots of a protest demonstration held in front of the Theatre. *The Washington Post* reported on the filing of the historic landmark application, carried an excellent editorial piece by Jamie Baylis supporting the Circle's preservation, and has published letters of support from readers.

Those wishing to help save the Circle Theatre may donate money or their services to the Save the Circle Coalition, P.O. Box 18781, Washington, D.C. 20037.

The next meeting of the Coalition will take place on Thursday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Building, 2025 E Street, N.W.

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- is serving as Special Assistant to the ANC on matters involving historic preservation
- holds a Doctorate in Intellectual History
- is Chief Historian for the U.S. Capitol Historical Society
- has taught history at University of Maryland and American University
- is President of the Art Deco Society
- is author of a major book on Deco architecture
- is actively trying to preserve many of the Art Deco apartment buildings in Washington
- is active in the DC Preservation Alliance, and
- has been a leader in civic and preservation work throughout the region, in addition to his civic work in DC.

Rick has been actively involved in many ANC projects, contributing a great deal of time and effort, and authoring a series of suggested resolutions and reports which the ANC successfully used to oppose or delay projects harmful to the continued existence of our neighborhood as a residential entity.

#### RICHARD STRINER HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY:

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The residential core of the Single Member District for which Rick is running is composed of Columbia Plaza and the blocks bounded by 21st, G, 24th, Virginia Ave. and F Street.

**ELECT RICHARD STRINER  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER 2A05  
ON NOVEMBER 4TH.**



## FBA Position on GWU Campus Master Plan

FBA President Robert C. Brewster testified October 22 at the Board of Zoning Adjustment's second day of hearings on The George Washington University's proposed Campus Master Plan. The FBA position stemmed from decisions taken at a special Executive Board Meeting on September 8. The statement follows:

My name is Robert C. Brewster. I am President of The Foggy Bottom Association, and we welcome this opportunity to state our views on the proposed George Washington University Campus Master Plan.

Let me first make a comment about the process which led to the plan which we are discussing today. At the initiative of the Office of Planning, the University last November began holding meetings to discuss its developing proposals for its new campus plan with representatives of the community and the District of Columbia. Initially with difficulty but later with more ease, the University, the Office of Planning, the ANC2A, and the Foggy Bottom Association found it possible to discuss openly and largely without rancor the problems of reconciling the needs of the University and those of the community. We did not and do not agree on all or indeed many issues. But the fact that we were able to move the process along as we did is due in no small part to the initiative and effort of the Office of Planning and a new responsiveness on the part of the University. I, for one, want to acknowledge with gratitude the

contributions of both.

Let me turn now to our main concerns with regard to the proposed plan.

**Proposed Campus Boundaries.** Three deletions should be made from the proposed campus plan boundaries. Square 43 should be excluded because it is on the edge of the campus; GWU owns only 21% of the total land within the square; the University has not designated this as a priority area for development; and — most importantly — its deletion is required to protect and preserve the neighborhood, a pre-eminent goal of the Comprehensive Plan. That portion of Square 121 which includes The Concordia United Church of Christ, a landmark building, should also be deleted. Finally, the presence of St. Mary's Church, also a landmark building, within the campus boundaries, strongly suggests that it, too, ought to be deleted.

**Use of Investment Frontage.** We oppose the proposed continued use of the investment frontage properties. These should be devoted to academic uses, as foreseen in the 1970 plan. We do not accept the argument that the income is required to "offset" further increases in tuition. The 2.8% of the University's income which the rents from these properties produce would be offset by the absence of the need to finance further construction for academic buildings. But however the Board decides this issue, it should completely prohibit new construction or the use of any existing building within the campus boundaries for commercial purposes.

**Street Closings.** The FBA in principle opposes street closings such as those proposed by the Plan. Closings deprive residents of parking and further increase and aggravate traffic on the remaining streets. Two of the proposed closings — those on the 2000 and 2100 blocks of G Street — should be entirely removed from the Plan because of the significant amount of privately owned property in Squares 80 and 103. We are, however, prepared to consider each proposal on its individual merits if the application contains full data, including those relating to the provision of compensatory parking by the University at cost for residents.

**Pedestrian Bridges.** The five proposed pedestrian bridges should be deleted from the Plan entirely. The concept is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan; the bridges would obstruct the natural vistas which are an essential feature of the L'Enfant Plan; the large investment required would be uneconomic and could be better used for other purposes; and they would leave the residents of the community to dart and dodge through the on-rushing traffic while GWU staff and students saunter safely overhead. If the University wants to do something constructive on traffic both for itself and the community, we suggest it ask for traffic lights to be installed on 22nd Street to slow the rush of commuter traffic. That would permit students and residents alike to cross this street in something approaching relative safety.

**Omission of Necessary Information.** Given the wealth of information presented in the Plan, there is still a decided lack of important specific details. The omissions fall into two categories: building priorities and the satellite campus.

We have continually pressed the University to be more specific about its building priorities. It has declined to tell us what it should like to build where and when if funding were available. It has repeatedly cited the vagaries of funding, the difficulty of designing a building without knowing the site, the problem of identifying a site if private owners do not want to sell, etc., etc. This despite the reluctant admission by the University's Vice President, responding on September 10 to a Board Member's question, that the fact that the University had listed ten buildings it had wanted to build in its 1970 Plan had not hindered its getting approval for them.

We find these arguments about why the University cannot be more specific about its building plans unconvincing. GWU's Commission for the Year 2000 has completed its report and it has been accepted. It establishes priorities which should go far to change what some academic colleagues have occasionally seen as a collection of colliding, competing colleges, and what the community has often perceived as a thinly-disguised real estate conglomerate, into an institution devoted to and striving for excellence in certain chosen fields. The University has set its goals and has the means to carry them out. If it does not now know where it would like to build and in what order of

priority when and if the funds and sites are available, it is either not being completely candid or not fully discharging its management responsibilities.

The Plan contains no information whatsoever on the proposed satellite campus in Virginia. The fact of this campus and its operation as an integral part of the University will clearly impact on plans for the Foggy Bottom campus.

We ask that the Board require specific information on both specific building priorities and the satellite campus be incorporated in the Plan.

**Off-Campus Uses.** The University now leases over 220,000 gross square feet of floor space, most of which is beyond the boundaries of the campus. We believe that the University should be required to lease off-campus space only in commercial zones and for short term, interim uses only. The terms "short term" and "interim" should be defined to mean a precise and restricted period, such as two or three years.

To conclude, the problems which I have discussed are the primary concerns of the Foggy Bottom Association and its members. Other proposed changes or amendments to the Plan have been proposed by the Office of Planning and ANC2A. These deserve the careful consideration of the Board. With these changes, we are prepared to recommend the Board approve the Plan. We are confident that an amended, improved campus plan will benefit not only the University and the Foggy Bottom/West End community but the District of Columbia as well.

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